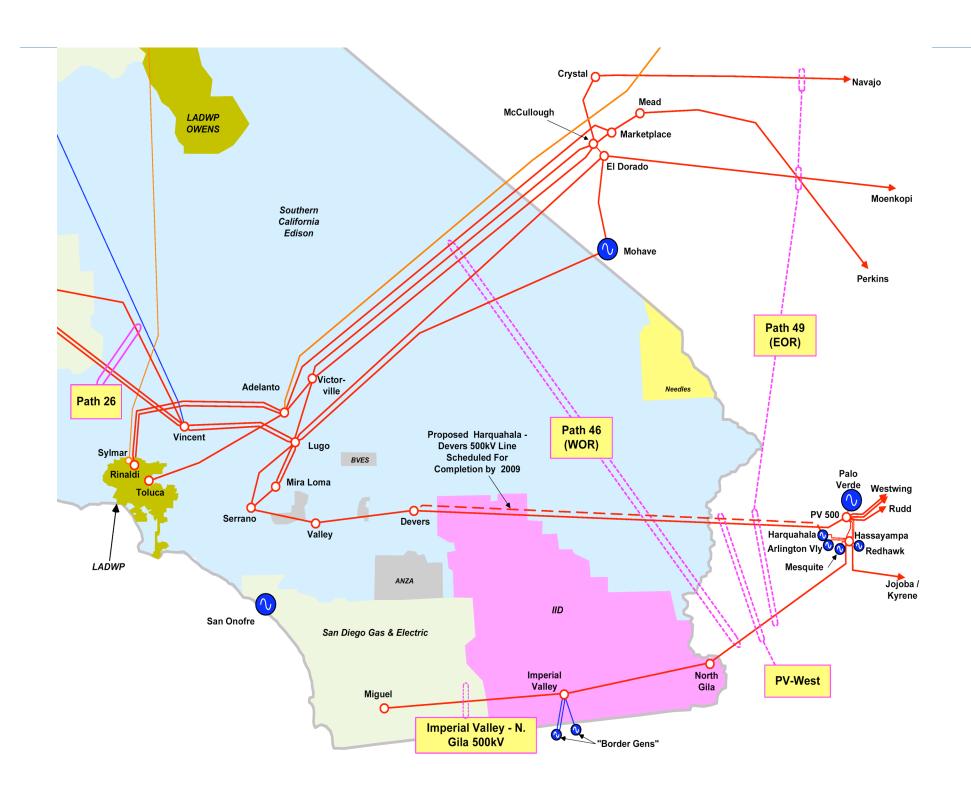


# Part 1 Strategic Transmission Planning Issues Item III

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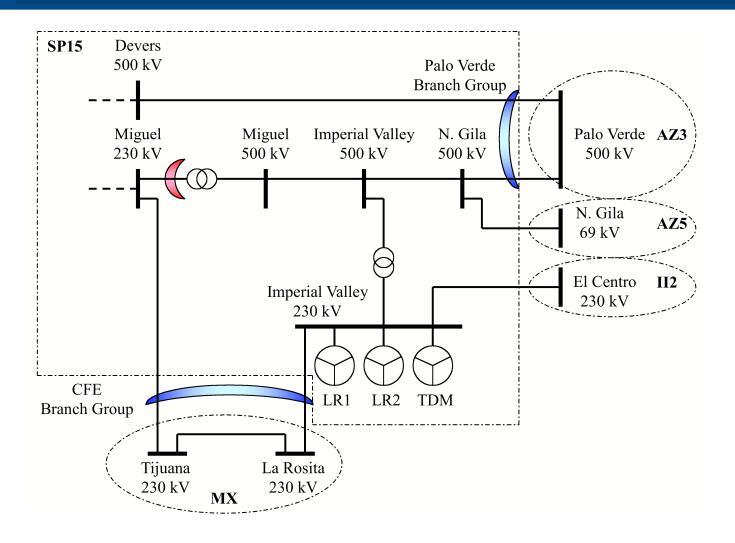


# **Palo Verde Area – New Generation Projects**

	WECC Sig Adds Reports				PLANT RATINGS, OTHER			
	Net Capacity, MW		Commercial	SigAdds	From	rom Powerflow		From
	Net Capacity		Operation	Report	CEC	Net Capacity, MW		Other
	Summer	Winter	Date	Year	5/31/05	Pgen	Pmax	Sources
Redhawk	1006	1028	July, 2002	2003	1060	864	984	1072
Arlington	570	580	July, 2002	2003	580	600	700	
Mesquite I Mesquite II	625 625	625 625	Jun, 2003 Nov, 2003	2004 2004	625 625	494 494	691 691	625 625
Harquahala	836	860	Sept, 2003	2004	1170	1113	1128	



## Southern California / Arizona / Mexico Transmission Constraints





#### **PV – West Branch Group**

- Branch Group is PV-Devers 500 and Hassayampa N. Gila 500
- PV area generators bid into the ISO market, bids are competitive as plants are new efficient combined cycle with cheaper gas (they don't pay LA City gate prices)
- Apparent loadings above the branch group ratings are probably due to bypassing series caps in the Hassayampa – N. Gila line to reduce flow on the branch group – increases BG rating by removing constraint but impacts overall EOR Path and participants



## **Imperial Valley – Miguel Area**

- During 2003 2004 high congestion costs, constraint was Miguel 500/230 transformer & system from Miguel to San Diego
- Dec'ing on Border Gens (Radial Feeds into Imperial Valley 230) to relieve congestion on Miguel 500/230
- In October of 2004, a second transformer was added at Miguel
- Although the congestion problem has been greatly reduced, Congestion has now moved to "south of Miguel" on the 138/230kV system
- Miguel Mission 230 #2 was recently placed into service on a temporary basis to reduce "south of Miguel" congestion.



## **Imperial Valley - Miguel**

- Congestion Management physically successful, only a few hours where flows drifted above the transfer limit
- Between July 2003 and September 2004 approximately \$32 million was spent on redispatch alone.
- Add in the MLCC and RMR costs and the actual congestion expenditures are much higher.



## System Upgrades for PV-West and IV-Miguel Constraints

- East-of-the-River (EOR) 9000+ WECC Phase 2 rating study is nearing completion. Project would upgrade series caps to gain more than 1000 MW capacity in EOR
- Harquahala Devers 500 (PV-Devers-2), Phase 2 study report was recently approved (7/25). (Should achieve Phase 3 shortly.) Project in service by 2009-10.
- SDG&E is studying options for a new 500kV line from the Imperial Valley area to central or northern portions of the SDG&E system



## **Congestion Management Costs**

- Congestion costs (Redispatch only) incurred for Miguel for July 2003 through September 2004 totaled roughly \$32 million
- This probably in the same cost range as the construction required to install the Miguel and Imperial Valley 500/230 transformers
- If 1000 MW of generation were added to the "border gens" next year, the transmission to cure congestion could not be built until 2010 or beyond
- ISO's Amendment 50 to establish "reference dec bids" to mitigate dec gaming was already in effect for time period noted above



## **The Bigger Picture**

- Generation can site and construct much faster than transmission lines can be studied, permitted, and constructed
- Congestion Management cost signals are not forward looking. CalSO needs a tool that will predict congestion and get transmission upgrades in a more timely manner.

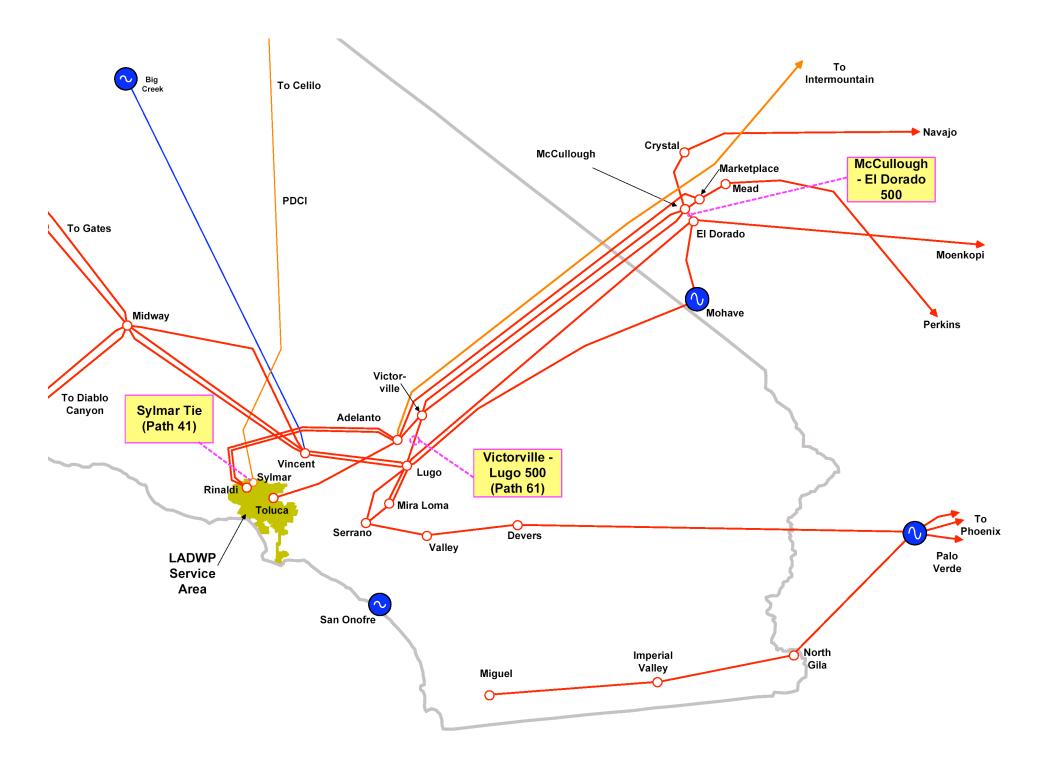


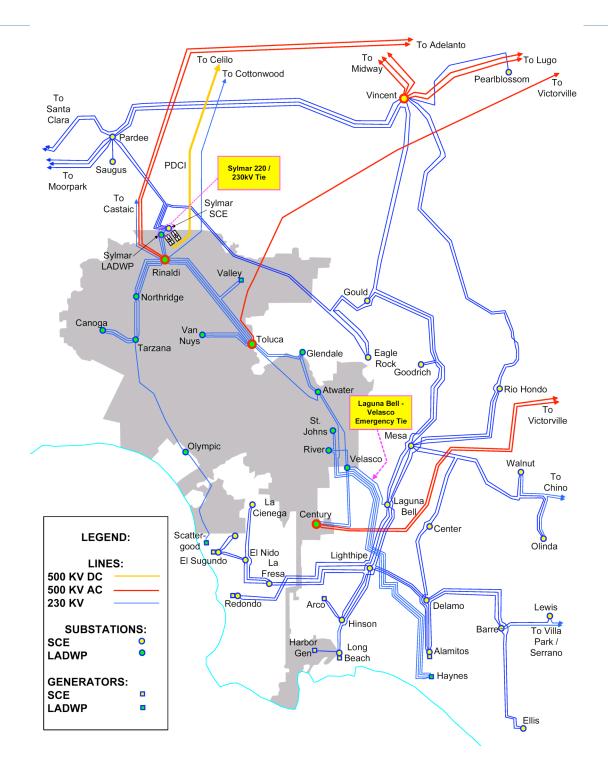


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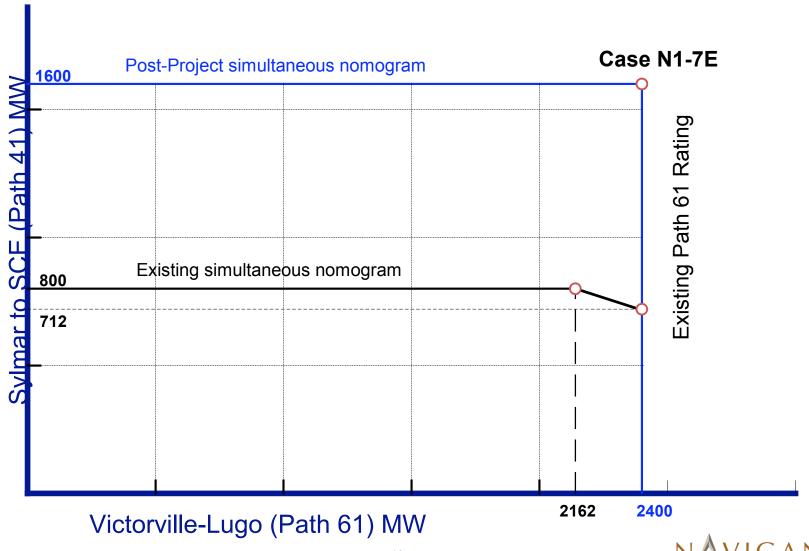
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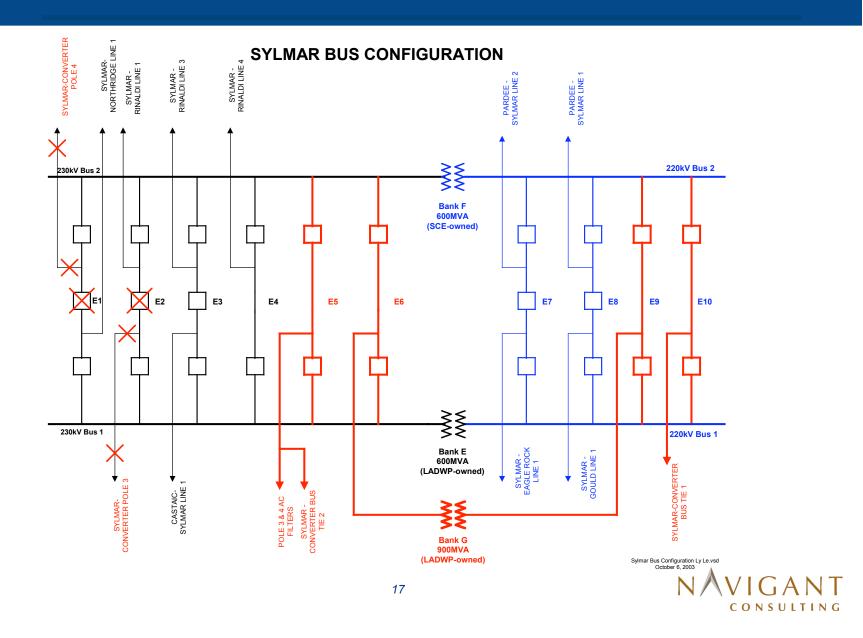




## Sylmar (Path 41) vs Victorville – Lugo (Path61) Nomogram

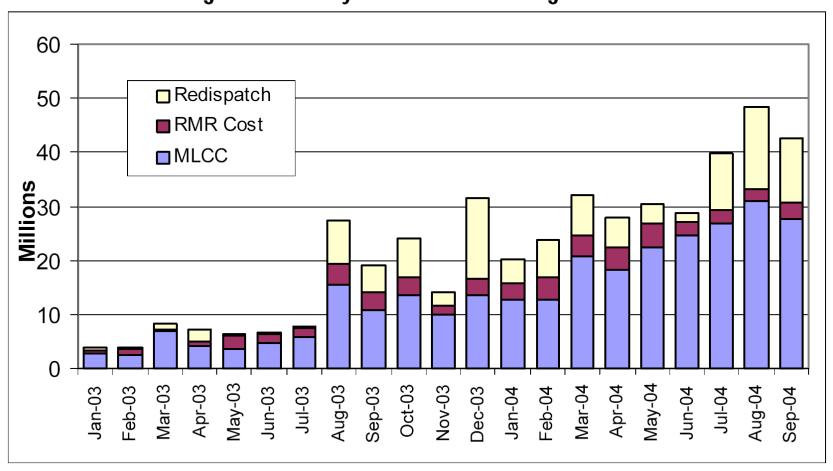


## **Sylmar Interconnection**



## **Monthly Total Intra-Zonal Congestion Costs**

**Figure 6. Monthly Total Intrazonal Congestion Costs** 





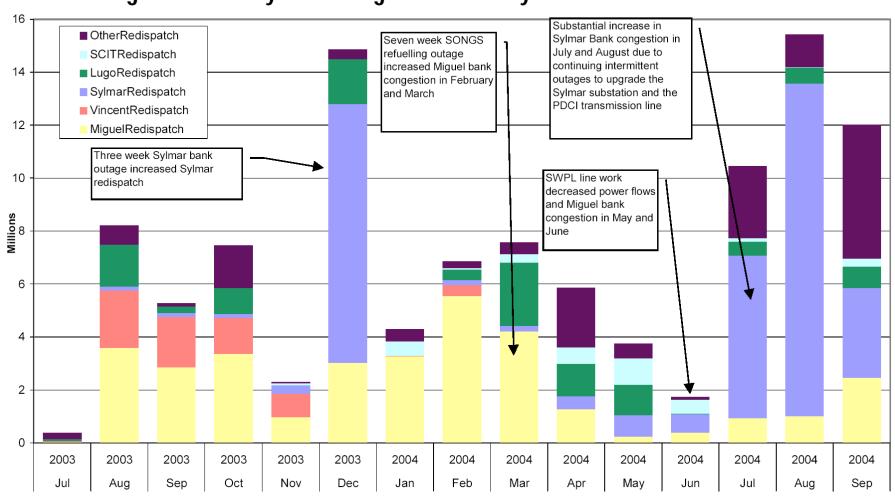
## **Monthly Total Intra-Zonal Congestion Costs**

- MLCC (Minimum Load Cost Compensation) when MLCC units are called to run for congestion relief purposes
- RMR costs are attributed to congestion when they are called for generation levels above RMR requirements
- Total Congestion costs include RMR, MLCC Unit Calls, and Re-dispatch (inc'ing & dec'ing)



#### Monthly Total (Redispatch) Congestion Costs by Location / Cause

Figure 7. Monthly Total Congestion Costs by Location and/or Cause



## **Monthly Total Congestion Costs by Location / Cause**

- Congestion for "Three Week Sylmar Bank Outage", was approximately \$9.8 million
- Reason for the bank outage was not identified (scheduled maintenance or forced outage)
- Congestion identified as caused by DC Terminal upgrades at Sylmar during July, August, and September totaled to \$32 million.
- DC terminal construction and testing continued until December, congestion cost information given on DMA reports for October thru December
- Congestion costs were paid primarily for dec'ing



## **Recent System Upgrades**

- LADWP installed a third 220/230 transformer bank G in November or December of 2004. Path rating increased to 1600 MW.
- In December of 2004, the PDCI terminal work was completed.
- One 1550 MW pole now terminates in SCE's Sylmar bus and one pole terminates in LADWP's Sylmar bus.
- Results in a more balanced flow across the 220/230 transformers, further reducing congestion



## **Possible System Upgrades**

- LADWP is re-powering Haynes, Valley, and Scattergood with more efficient combined cycle generation
- It appears that LADWP sometimes bids these resources to SCE and the ISO markets, resulting in congestion at Sylmar
- If Sylmar congestion continues, additional interconnection capacity may be beneficial
- Interconnection capacity upgrades could include:
  - Rebuilding the Laguna Bell Velasco 220/230 kV emergency tie to operate normally closed
  - New Adelanto Lugo 500kV line along with flow control devices added at Sylmar to curtail flows
  - In a 1994 report the LADWP identified an option of upgrading the Victorville Century 287 kV lines to 500kV with a loop-in of the Lugo Serrano 500kV line into a new sub called Upland. Such a configuration could offer significant benefits to LADWP and SCE systems.



## **The Bigger Picture**

- Congestion Management is supposed to send pricing signals as to when transmission upgrades are needed – these are mighty expensive signals!
- Congestion costs for 10 months of operation would have paid for several new transformer banks
- Some sort of methodology / tool is needed to predict congestion and get transmission upgrades before congestion money is spent.

